

# Executive Update

Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker's Weekly Newsletter

November 30, 2007

## Message from County Executive Walker

*Recently, I spoke at an event where the emcee started out by listing off all of the problems in Milwaukee: unemployment, violent crime, drop out rates, teen pregnancy, etc. Then, he asked me to come up and give a welcome.*

*As you can imagine, I changed my comments and took the challenges head-on. Certainly we do have serious challenges in Milwaukee and we cannot ignore them, but there is also good news here too.*

*Last year, we saw more than \$1.1 BILLION worth of new construction in Milwaukee County. General Mitchell International Airport will break the all-time passenger record with some 7.5 million passengers this year and was just listed as the 4th best airport in the country by a national travel magazine. We will complete work on a \$30 million capital reinvestment plan at the Zoo this spring through our partnership with the Zoological Society of Milwaukee County. AARP The Magazine listed Milwaukee County in its section on "5 Great Places to Live" last month.*

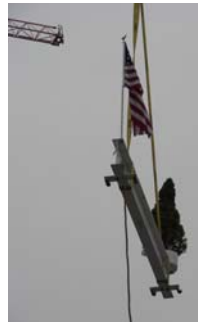
*Despite the lack of coverage on many of these inspiring stories (and more like them), there are positive things taking place within Milwaukee County.*

*The key to solving many of the challenges mentioned at the start is to connect people facing those challenges to the incredible opportunities available through the growth taking place in various parts of the county. Connecting people to jobs and opportunity will ultimately inspire hope and action.*

Scott



## Children's Hospital expansion



County Executive Walker signed the steel beam and spoke at a large gathering of Children's Hospital leaders, patient families, construction crews and architects for the celebration to "top-off" the 12-story west tower by placing the final steel beam into position. The facilities comprise the largest pediatric hospital in Wisconsin.

## Community Business Development Expo



Chairman Lee Holloway and County Executive Walker addressed the Community Business Development Partners annual Expo to assist disadvantaged businesses in obtaining contracting opportunities with Milwaukee County.

## Miller Lights



County Executive Walker joins former Green Bay Packer Leroy Butler and his girlfriend (photo above) in the Miller Caves at Miller Brewing Company's annual Holiday Lighting Celebration.

## Caregivers recognized



County Executive Walker draws the winning names at the annual Milwaukee County Caregiver Day (above left) with Tom Nowak, Chair of Milwaukee Area Developmental Disabilities Service Association (MADDSA) and President of Midwest Community Services. Walker visited with residents at St. Ann's Assisted Living Center (above right) after delivering remarks to the center's board of directors.



County Executive Walker joins Buz Stebbins at the rededication of the North Point Lighthouse. Representatives of Regina's Bay Bakery of Whitefish Bay baked a wonderful replica of the lighthouse for the event.

## St. Catherine apartments



County Executive Walker joins Mayor Tom Barrett and administrators of St. Catherine Residence Complex for the groundbreaking of the McAuley Apartments at 1018 E. Knapp Street. The 46-units of affordable housing will expand services to 200 women of limited income.



County Executive Walker toured the MATC Children's Center while the Milwaukee County Eligibility Van offered on-site assistance to students for Wisconsin medical, FoodShare and child care programs.

## Community Events

County Executive Walker was the keynote speaker at the Heartland Funds luncheon and taped an interview with Jane Hampden for Milwaukee Public Radio. He will go on-air to promote Family Free Day at the Zoo – Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. Visit [milwaukeezoo.org](http://milwaukeezoo.org) for information on Free Day and upcoming breakfasts and lunches with Santa.